HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI
AND
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE G. V. SEETHAPATHY

WRIT PETITION Nos. 10699, 11303, 11316, 11598, 11665, 11810, 11851, 11883, 11965, 11972, 11977, 12001, 12084, 12092, 12097, 12098, 12106, 12230, 12315, 12329, 12726, 13579, 13991, 14101, 14111, 14119, 14129, 14242, 14253, 14270, 14282, 14290,14323, 14324, 14333, 14398, 14410, 14440, 14469, 14542, 14647, 14684, 14786, 14787
and 14807 of 2006

Writ Petition No.10699 of 2006

Between:

Burri China Venkateshwarlu & another. … Petitioners.

AND

District Collector (Election Authority),
Prakasam District at Ongole & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : None.

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.5 : None

Writ Petition No.11303 of 2006

Between:

Mudireddy Pedda Konda Reddy & another. … Petitioners.

AND

Village Secretary,
Annapusastrulapalli village & Post,
Duvvuru Mandal,
Kadapa District & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri S.R.Sanku

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.11316 of 2006

Between:

Chintapalli Ramunaidu … Petitioner.

AND

Election Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11598 of 2006

Between:

Leela Konidena & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri V.Venugopala Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11665 of 2006

Between:

Karanam Chenchu Punnaiah Chowdary
& others. … Petitioners.

AND

Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad,
Prakasam District, Ongole & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Satyanarayana Nimmagadda

Counsel for the Respondents : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11810 of 2006

Between:

M. Nageswara Rao & others. … Petitioners.

AND

Commissioner, Panchayat Raj,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Naresh Byrapaneni

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1, 3 & 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.11851 of 2006

Between:

Paluri Satyanarayana & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission,
Andhra Pradesh, rep. by its

Secretary, Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri S.Subba Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11883 of 2006

Between:

Cheruku Sanjeeva Reddy … Petitioner.

AND

State Election Commissioner,
rep. by its Secretary,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11965 of 2006

Between:

Patolla Narasimha Reddy & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri P.Raghavender Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.11972 of 2006

Between:

Gade Raja Reddy … Petitioner.

AND

District Collector,
Warangal District, Warangal & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 3 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.11977 of 2006

Between:

Bashetty Ashok & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Chilumala Pratap Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12001 of 2006

Between:

Palle Muthaiah & another. … Petitioners.

AND

Chief Election Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12084 of 2006

Between:

Nagabairu Sambasiva Rao & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Secretary, Secunderabad & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri A.Rajendra Babu

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12092 of 2006

Between:

M. Veerabhadra Reddy & others. … Petitioners.

AND

District Panchayat Officer,
Prakasam District, Ongole & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri K.S. Murthy

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 3 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.12097 of 2006

Between:

Dasari Narayana Rao … Petitioner.

AND

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 3 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.12098 of 2006

Between:

Kommera Lakshman & another. … Petitioners.

AND

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : None

Counsel for Respondents : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12106 of 2006

Between:

Sakkurthu Vara Prasad … Petitioner.

AND

State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12230 of 2006

Between:

G. Vemana Rao … Petitioner.

AND

Chief Election Commissioner,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri V. Sankara Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12315 of 2006

Between:

Yerrabiki Venkat Rao … Petitioner.

AND

Electoral Registration Officer-cum-
Revenue Divisional Officer,

Narsaraopeta, Guntur District & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 & 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.4 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.12329 of 2006

Between:

Smt.B.T. Balamani … Petitioner.

AND

State Election Commission, rep. by its Secretary, Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.12726 of 2006

Between:

Jerripotula Venkateshwarlu & others. … Petitioners.

AND

Returning Officer, Mandal Parishad, Khanapur, Warangal District & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 & 2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.13579 of 2006

Between:

V. Sri Rami Reddy & others. … Petitioners.

AND

District Collector-cum-Electoral Officer,
Prakasam District at Ongole & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : None

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 & 2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.13991 of 2006

Between:

Veerelli Prasad & another. … Petitioners.

AND

Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission,
rep. by Election Commissioner,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri M.Venkata Narayana

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14101 of 2006

Between:

Kurakula Naidu & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commissioner,
Hyderabad & another. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : None

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14111 of 2006

Between:

Sanghu Padmavathi & another. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri M.Subba Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14119 of 2006

Between:

M. Subba Reddy … Petitioner.

AND

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department,

Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri T.Niranjan Reddy

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.5 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14129 of 2006

Between:

Md.Nayeemuddin & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Chilumala Pratap Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14242 of 2006

Between:

L. Shiva Govinda Prasad Reddy & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri M.Venkata Narayana

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14253 of 2006

Between:

Cherukuru Narashimhulu … Petitioner.

AND

Mandal Revenue Officer,
Dhuthaluru, Nellore District & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Smt. Chandana Madala

Counsel for the Respondents : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14270 of 2006

Between:

Jampani Kotaiah & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Venkata Rangadas Kanuri

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 & 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.4 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14282 of 2006

Between:

Marripudi Anjaiah & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commissioner,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri M.S.N.Prasad

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri M.Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14290 of 2006

Between:

Paruchuri Bose … Petitioner.

AND

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri Ch.Ravindra Babu

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.4 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14323 of 2006

Between:

Arikatla Sri Rama Murthy … Petitioner.

AND

Election Commissioner,
State Election Commission,
Hyderabad & another. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri C.Ramachandra Raju

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14324 of 2006

Between:

Nallamalpu Subba Reddy … Petitioner.

AND

State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary,
Secunderabd & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri A.Jagan

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14333 of 2006

Between:

Veeramalla Anjaiah & another. … Petitioners.

AND

State of Andhra Pradesh,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
Panchayat Raj Department,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri V.Brahmaiah Chowdary

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 and 3 to 6 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14398 of 2006

Between:

Gangireddi Malla Reddy & others. … Petitioners.

AND

District Collector and District
Election Authority, Adilabad District & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri D.Bhaskar Reddy

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.4 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14410 of 2006

Between:

Gunji Thirupathaiah … Petitioner.

AND

Election Commissioner,
State Election Commission,
Hyderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri C.Ramachandra Raju

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14440 of 2006

Between:

Katchala Krishna & another. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri V.Venugopala Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 5 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14469 of 2006

Between:

K. Guruvara Kumar & others. … Petitioners.

AND

District Collector-cum-Electoral Officer,
Prakasam District, Ongole & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Y.Kishore Babu

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 & 2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14542 of 2006

Between:

Karumudi Chinna Masthan Reddy … Petitioner.

AND

State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri K.Ananda Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 & 3 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14647 of 2006

Between:

Kondusingh Ramanaiah & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commissioner,
Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri M.Brahma Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14684 of 2006

Between:

Chintala Maheswari …
Petitioner.

AND

Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission,
rep. by its Secretary, Hyderabad & others. …
Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri Mohd.Rahail Ahmed

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent No.2 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No.3 : Sri R.Prem Sagar

Writ Petition No.14786 of 2006

Between:

Pulicharu Ramesh … Petitioner.

AND

District Collector & Election Authority, Warangal, Warangal District & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri A.Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent Nos.4 and 5 : Sri R.Prem Sagar

Counsel for Respondent No.6 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Writ Petition No.14787 of 2006

Between:

D.Venkatsewarlu & others. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri Satyanarayana Nimmagadda

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 6 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Writ Petition No.14807 of 2006

Between:

S. Iddaiah & another. … Petitioners.

AND

State Election Commission, Secunderabad & others. … Respondents.

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri C.Damodar Reddy

Counsel for Respondent No.1 : Sri V.V. Prabhakara Rao

Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 to 4 : Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj.

Counsel for Respondent No. 5 : Sri R.Prem Sagar

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25th JULY 2006

Per G.S.Singhvi, C.J.

In these petitions, the petitioners have prayed for issue of a writ of mandamus to the respondents to include their names in the electoral rolls of their respective villages and allow them to cast votes in the forthcoming election to Gram Panchayats.

Learned counsel representing the Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission says that the applications made by the petitioners will be considered, dealt with and decided by the competent authorities within a period of 48 hours and the decision would be communicated to the concerned applicants. He further states that the names of those found eligible to be included in the voters' list will be added in the electoral rolls and they will be allowed to cast vote in the forthcoming election.

In our opinion, the statement made by the learned counsel for the State Election Commission adequately meets the ends of justice. Therefore, all the writ petitions are disposed of with the following directions:-

1) The concerned competent authorities shall, within 48 hours, deal with and dispose of the applications made by the petitioners for inclusion of their names in the electoral rolls of their respective villages. The decision of the concerned authorities shall be communicated to the applicants who shall present themselves before the concerned authorities between 12.00 noon of 27th July, 2006 and 12.00 noon of 28th July, 2006.

2) The names of the persons who are found entitled to be included in the electoral rolls shall be added in the electoral rolls by issuing necessary amendments and they shall be allowed to cast vote in the forthcoming elections of Gram Panchayats to be held on 29th July, 2006 and thereafter.

The aforementioned directions shall be carried out by all the

concerned officers without fail.

G.S.SINGHVI, C.J.

25th July, 2006.

G. V. SEETHAPATHY, J.

Note: The Court Officer is directed to give attested copies of this order to the learned counsel representing the State Election Commission, Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj and counsel representing the petitioners.

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